

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-7 have been rejected as being obvious in view of Winter and Browne. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is overcome for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 includes features which are not suggested by the cited references, namely:

- the deletion file selecting criteria information includes **a deletion criteria** based on a number of times a data file has been viewed, and . . .
- the file management means deletes the at least one file, if . . . (ii) the deletion criteria is satisfied which is based on the number of times a data file has been viewed, **and the number of times the data file has been viewed is greater than one.**

One of the features of the present invention, as recited in amended claim 1, includes **a deletion criteria based on the number of times a data file has been viewed, and the number of times the data file has been viewed is greater than one.**

Applicant respectfully submits that the aforesaid feature is not suggested by either Winter or Browne. Winter discloses that a recording area may be managed according to a ring mode (as discussed in the previous Response). Winter, however, does **not** disclose **providing a deletion criteria based on a number of times a data file has been viewed, and the number of times the data file has been viewed is greater than one.**

Browne discloses that a program that already has been viewed may be deleted. Browne, however, does **not** disclose **providing a deletion criteria based on a number of times a**

data file has been viewed, and the number of times the data file has been viewed is greater than one.

Reconsideration is requested for claim 1.

Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1 and are, therefore, not subject to rejection in view of the cited references for at least the same reasons set forth for claim 1.

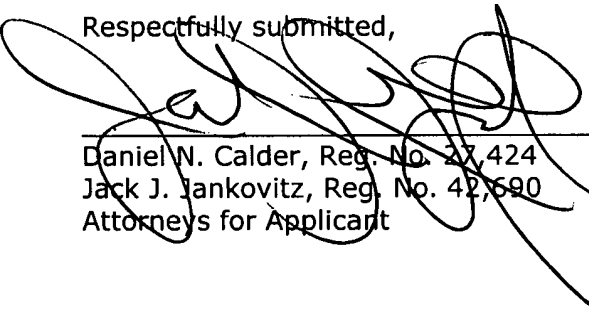
Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 8 has been allowed

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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